# ARTICLES OF ENQUIRY,

TO

Be Answered unto

BY THE

# CHURCHWARDENS

OF THE

Deanery of *the Arches London*

IN THE

VISITATION Held

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*The Tenour of the* OATH *to be Administred to the Churchwardens of every Parish, within the Deanery of*

YOU do Swear, that you will Faithfully Execute the Office of Churchwarden according to the best of your Skill and Knowledge. *So help you God, and the Contents of this Book.*

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THE Churchwardens are to frame Bills of Presentment upon all the matters contained in the following Articles; and to exhibit
*Can.* 119. the same at the next Visitation, to be held at on *day* the day of 170

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# ARTICLES

OF

## Visitation and Enquiry

Within the

## Deanery of *the Arches London*

### TIT. I.

*Concerning Churches, Chappels, the Ornaments and Furniture thereunto belonging.*

1. IS your Church, or Chappel, with the Chancel in good Repair, and decently kept, as becometh the House of God?

2. IS the Furniture of your Church or Chappel, as Font, Bells, Communion-Plate and Cloths, Minister's Surplice, Pulpit-Cloth, with other usual Ornaments, duly provided and looked after?

3. HAVE you a Bible of the last Translation in a large Volume, and a Book of Common Prayer, and a Register-Book of Parchment, for the Registring of Christnings, Burials, and Marriages?

4. HAVE you a Book of Canons, and a Book of Homilies, and a Printed Table of the Degrees wherein Marriage is prohibited? How are the ſaid Books kept?

## TIT. II.

*Concerning the Church-Yard, the Houſes, Glebes, and Tythes belonging to the Church.*

1. IS your Church-yard ſufficiently Fenced and preſerved from Annoyance, Encroachments, and Waſte?

2. IS the Dwelling Houſe, and all the Out-houſes of your Parſon, Vicar, or Curate, kept continually as need requires, in good, and ſufficient Repair? If there want Repairs, what part of the Houſes or Out-houſes are out of Repair? how long have they been ſo? And what may it coſt ſufficiently to Repair them? Are the ancient Glebe-Lands, Orchards and Gardens belonging to them preſerved, and not Alienated or Endamaged?

3. HAS there been any Wood or Timber cut down upon the Glebe or Church-yard, and by whom, and when, and to what uſes employed?

4. HAVE you any Terrier of ſuch Glebe Lands, Orchards, &c. and alſo of any Penſions, Tythes, and Compoſitions belonging thereto?

## TIT. III.

*Concerning the Clergy.*

1. HAVE you a Parſon, Vicar, or Curate Legally ſetled among you? Is he Reſident? or how long, or on what occaſion is he abſent?

2. HAS your Miniſter any other Eccleſiaſtical Benefice with Cure? How far diſtant is ſuch Benefice? And in what Dioceſe? Has he a Licenſed Curate? What Allowance does he give his Curate?

3. DOES your Parſon, Vicar, or Curate, Conſtantly, Reverently, and Regularly Officiate, by Reading the Divine Service on the Lord's Days, and Holy-days, in the Fore-noons and After-noons? Doth he conſtantly Preach a Sermon on every Lord's-Day? How often uſually doth he Adminiſter the Holy Sacrament of the Lord's Supper in your Church in a Year?

4. DOTH your Miniſter diligently inſtruct the Youth of his Pariſh in the Church-Catechiſm? And does he endeavour to Reclaim all profane, and Irreligious Perſons? Is he diligent in Viſiting and Praying with the Sick, and ready, and willing to ſatisfie the Doubts of Troubled Conſciences? Is he Peacable, Sober, and Exemplary in his Converſation, and Grave in his Demeanor, Company, outward Garb and Apparel?

5. DO you know, or have heard, That your Miniſter has obtained his Benefice by any Unlawful or Simoniacal means?

## TIT. IV.

### *Concerning Pariſhioners.*

1. ARE any of your Pariſh known, or vehemently ſuſpected to be guilty of Inceſt, Adultery, Fornication, or any other Enormous Crimes?

2. DO any of your Pariſh profane the Lord's-Day by following their bodily or ordinary Labour therein, or compel, or permit their Servants ſo to do? Are any Shops kept open, or Wares ſold on that day?

3. IF there be any Aſſemblies for Religious Worſhip in your Pariſh, beſides the Pariſh Church or Chappel, have the Places of ſuch Meetings been certified according to the Statute? Do any upon that pretence, and who, wholly abſtain on Sundays from coming to any publick place where there are Prayers or Sermons, but ſpend their Time in Alehouſes, or in the Works of their ordinary Calling?

4. ARE the Wills and Teſtaments of the dead in your Pariſh duly Proved, or the Adminiſtrations of their Goods duly committed? Have any Lands, Legacies or Charitable Gifts beſtowed on your Pariſh, or any other good uſes, been diverted to any other, and what other uſes?

## TIT. V.

### *Concerning Pariſh Clerks and Sextons.*

HAVE you belonging to your Pariſh, or Chappelry, a ſufficient Clerk and Sexton, and do they faithfully and diligently perform their Office?

## TIT. VI.

*Concerning Hoſpitals, Schools, Schoolmaſters, Phyſicians, Chyrurgeons, and Midwives.*

1. IS there in your Pariſh any Hoſpital, Alms-houſe or Free-School? How are they endowed, ordered and governed? Doth any keep School without Licenſe duly obtained? or if licenſed, neglect to teach the Youth committed to him, the Catechiſm of the Church, and to bring them duly to Church to hear Divine Service?

2. DOTH any in your Pariſh practiſe Phyſick or Chyrurgery, or do the Office of a Midwife, without due Approbation and Licenſe?

## TIT. VII.

*Concerning Eccleſiaſtical Officers.*

1. HAVE any Perſons whatſoever that exerciſe Eccleſiaſtical Juriſdiction in this Deanery taken or exacted any exeſſive Fees for any Collation, Inſtitution, Induction, or for any other Cauſe or Act; or any Bribe or Reward for the Concealment or Impunity of Delinquents; or done any Act privately, and not in the preſence of a Notary? Hath any Eccleſiaſtical Officer commuted any Penance of any Delinquent Convicted? And how hath the Money been diſpoſed of?

2. IS the number of Apparitors in this Deanery exceſſive? Have they ſummon'd any Perſon unlawfully, or made falſe Returns of any Citations, or taken Rewards for Concealments, or threatned Proſecutions where they had no Reward, or any other ways misbehaved themſelves in their Office?

*FINIS.*